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At the last session of the Missouri legislature a resolution was introduced to erect a monument to the late Joe Bowers. Below we give our readers the song that made Joe famous:

Joe Bowers.

(Written about 1850. Author not known.)

My name is Joe Bowers,
I've got a brother, Ike,
I came from old Missouri,
Yes, all the way from Pike.
I'll tell you why I left there
And how I came to roam,
And leave my poor old mammy
So far away from home.

I used to love a girl there,
Her name was Sally Black.
I asked her for to marry me,
She said it was a whack.
She says to me, Joe Bowers,
Before we hitch for life,
You ought to have a little home
To keep your little wife.

Says I, my dearest Sally,
O Sally, for your sake,
I'll go to California
And try to raise a stake.
Says she to me, Joe Bowers,
You are the chap to win,
Give me a kiss to seal the bargain
And throw a dozen in.

I'll never forget my feelings,
When I bid adieu to all,
Sally, she caught me round the neck
And I began to bawl.
When I got in they all commenced,
You never heard the like,
How they all took on and cried
The day I left old Pike.

When I got to this here country,
I hadn't nary red.
I had such woolfish feelings,
I wished myself most dead.
At length I went to mining,
Put in my biggesticks,
Came down upon the boulders
Just like a thousand of bricks.

I worked both late and early,
In rain and sun and snow,
But I was working for my Sally
So 'twas all the same to Joe.
I made a very lucky strike,
As the gold itself did tell,
For I was working for my Sally,
The gal I loved so well.

But one day I got a letter
From my dear, kind brother, Ike.
It came from Old Missouri,
Yes, all the way from Pike.
It told me the goldmines news
That ever you did hear.
My heart, it is bustin',
So pray excuse this tear.

It said my Sallie was fickle,
Her love for me had fled,
That she had married a butcher,
Whose hair was a awful red.
It told me more than that,
It's enough to make me swear,
It said that Sally had a baby
And the baby had red hair.

OUR CORRESPONDENTS

SCHPEPERVILLE.

Health is good.
Farmers, owing to the wet weather, are very much behind with their work.
John Tippet of Advance visited Willey Davault last week.
Sampson Sullivan is clerking for Bess & Co.

William Morgan of Marble Hill was here Saturday.
Dr. T. H. Bailey has paled him a very neat garden.
James Fowler of Lutesville visited here Sunday.

Wesley Null has an orchard of 3,000 bearing fruit trees this season, which is the largest orchard in our part of the county.
Rev. High Bess has been employed to teach the Killian school.

We have a good prospect for a fruit crop.
Ed Dellinger, that great doctor Phiton tells us so much about in the Banner, is still practicing in these parts. Last Saturday with an x-ray he examined J. Henry Bess' (Mr. Phiton's) brain and found it very small and to consist of .99 per cent water and the remainder just a little wind. The doctor also prepares the wonderful foot cure. Call and get a sample free.

Marble Hill Press: the paper that keeps itself out square in the box factory.

Major John Bass, our leading

merchant, says we need a bank here. I say so, too, and that a saving one.

Phiton, who is going to put up that hardware store here? We need a hardware store if we need anything hard.

Carter, the Clubb's Creek correspondent of the Marble Hill wing of Green & Co., says that James Null is one of our most successful teachers. Yes, I want to tell you how successful he is. I know him, too; he taught our school last winter. We have a district with about ninety scholars in it and he sits there nineteen days out of twenty, the last month, without a single pupil and then he made a report to the clerk showing an average daily attendance of two and half when his register only shows two pupils present one day and both of them marked tardy. I have seen both report and register. The half has never been told.

How many teachers has this county? I think I have seen a hundred recently.

We have a board of directors in our school district that needs some praise for the effort it is making to push educational matters along. They have met and balloted on teachers three times and have canvassed the district as much as twice and after casting about 1,700 ballots have come to no choice yet. I would suggest to them to keep right on with their work, as they have till September to hire and all the firstclass teachers have withdrawn their applications. I think the shape you have the district just anybody will be successful.

Phiton, a correspondent of that nose-rag of a newspaper in Lutesville, says Daniel Dellinger has been very uneasy since the election. Yes, Phiton, and those men who are standing on that \$600 note in this town are uneasy, too; at least they have spent money and time trying to get you to do what you promised them when they signed it. When you lie at all lie on a young man, respect the aged if you don't yourself. I used to think you were truthful, but I have recently learned that the truth is not in you.

SCHPEPERITE.

GLEN ALLEN.

Here I come again with a few words for your valuable paper.

Rev. L. L. Pinnell filled his appointment here Sunday night.

Mrs. Avery Zimmerman has been making garden this week.

We sympathize with Miss May Lochlin. She was so "severely bitten" last week that she was unable to attend church Sunday evening. Hope you may soon recover, May.

E. S. Pile of DeSoto was in our town Sunday.

Mrs. J. A. Taylor visited her parents Sunday and Monday.

We have our religion well mixed in the north end of our town. Our two preachers live very close to each other, and while one believes in lots of water, the other just takes a few drops.

Our doctor, P. J. Berry, left for St. Louis Sunday.

Married—At the residence of Dr. P. J. Berry, last week, Miss Mary Sitzes to Jeff Wisecarver. May their days be bright and their troubles all be little ones.

Eddie Green should be careful when calling at the millinery store.

Mrs. Annie Allen is scared up when she is told that Uncle Cale is thinking of getting him a cook, as she surely thinks that it might interfere with her job.

Miss Jennie Miller of Castor is visiting in our town.

The grass fares very badly on our creek bank. The fishermen keep it worn down so it has very little chance to grow.

With kind wishes toward The Press and its many readers, I will close.

W. J. E.

ZALMA.

J. W. Stepp is slowly improving but not yet out of danger.

E. E. Bruns is night watchman at the box factory.

Andy McMinn and G. W. Haas

ing took a general cleaning up in the mill last week.

Charley King took his wife to St. Louis on the 7th for medical treatment. He returned on the 14th and reports that she is improving.

J. V. Slinkard was elected school director of this district. That means that A. J. Speer, who called the Bryan fellows liars and thieves last fall, will not get to teach our school.

Dr. Lages returned home from St. Louis on the 9th.

G. B. Sutt has bought the dowry of Mrs. Christenberry and has moved his family to it.

S. J. McMinn visited his parents at Buchanan last week.

Born—On the 13th, to the wife of Peter Cato (colored) a boy.

Died—A little son of G. W. Conder, last week.

Judge Hindman, I learn, is a splendid hand to cook eggs and fry fish.

Jack Shaw of near Greevicer brought some fine fish to town and sold them at a good price.

Steve Bush, our weather prophet, predicts that we will have several hard storms in this month.

Charley Wells of Marble Hill brought Miss Louisa Dixon home on the 15th. She has been at her Uncle Frank Wells' sick for about three weeks.

A. F. Boyer went to Marble Hill on the 17th to prove up on his homestead.

What will some of the republicans do here if S. J. McMinn should get to hold the postoffice the term of four years?

W. W. Grimsley and Mrs. Elsey Scholl were married on the 11th at the bride's home, one mile southwest of here. Mr. Grimsley is a well-to-do farmer, and the bride is a highly respectable lady. I wish them a long, happy and prosperous life; may they share with each other's many joys and few sorrows.

Dick Whittaker was very puny last week.

A bouncing big democrat was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ad Key on the 16th.

Andrew Ganes, Jesse Smith and Umph James were arraigned before Squire Lloyd on the 16th, charged with maiming a calf belonging to the widow Pearce. The trial was continued until the 30th.

S. J. McMinn made a business trip to Cape Girardeau on the 15th and returned on the 17th.

L. C. Fink of Brownwood was here last Saturday, night after medicine for his wife, who is very sick.

The Sunday school at this place gave an entertainment Sunday night. It was a success.

A. F. Boyer moved his family to town Monday.

Isham Wilson of Leora came up Saturday to attend lodge of A. F. and A. M. of this place.

A warrant was sworn out before Squire Ganes on the 17th charging Fred Dues with assaulting the wife of W. S. Brooks and placed in the hands of Constable Wilson. So far, there has been no arrest. Wayne Township needs a good, energetic constable.

Success to THE PRESS and the "old man."

AILEEN AROON.

The following special to the Monday Republic will, we think, be news to a great many people of this county:

Lutesville, Mo., April 18.—Early garden vegetables and some varieties of small fruits were greatly damaged in this county by the frosts of last night and night before. The thermometer registered four degrees below the freezing point, and ice formed in many places. Strawberries suffered the greatest injuries, especially those on bottom lands. Some estimate that one-fourth of the crop was destroyed.

The more the Dingley bill is investigated the more evident it becomes that he was simply the advance agent of Plutocracy.

MAYFIELD SMITH ACADEMY continues to flourish.

SENATE BILL No. 204.

Introduced by Senator Drum.

AN ACT

To declare unlawful and void all arrangements, contracts, agreements, trusts or combinations made with a view to lessen, or which tend to lessen, free competition in the importation or sale of articles imported into this state, or in the manufacture or sale of articles of domestic growth or of domestic raw material; to declare unlawful and void all arrangements, contracts, agreements, trusts or combinations between persons or corporations designed, or which tend to advance, reduce or control the price of such product or article to producer or consumer of any such product or article; to provide for forfeiture of the charter and franchise of any corporation organized under the laws of this state, violating any of the provisions of this act; to prohibit every foreign corporation, violating any of the provisions of this act, from doing business in this state; to require the attorney-general of this state to institute legal proceedings against any such corporations violating the provisions of this act, and to enforce the penalties prescribed; to prescribe penalties for any violation of this act; to authorize any person or corporation, damaged by any such trust, agreement or combination, to sue for the recovery of such damage, and for other purposes.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the general assembly of the state of Missouri, and is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, that from and after the passage of this act all arrangements, contracts, agreements, trusts or combinations between persons or corporations made with a view to lessen, or which tend to lessen, full and free competition in the importation or sale of articles imported into this state, or in the manufacture or sale of articles of domestic growth or of domestic raw material, and all arrangements, contracts, agreements, trusts or combinations between persons or corporations designed, or which tend to advance, reduce or control the price of the cost to the producer or to the consumer of any such product or article, are hereby declared to be against public policy, unlawful and void.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that any corporation, chartered under the laws of this state, which shall violate any of the provisions of this act shall thereby forfeit its charter and its franchise, and its corporate existence shall thereupon cease and determine. Every foreign corporation, which shall violate any of the provisions of this act, is hereby denied the right to do, and is prohibited from doing business in this state. It is hereby made the duty of the attorney-general of the state to enforce this provision by due process of law.

SEC. 3. Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that any violation of the provisions of this act shall be deemed, and is hereby declared to be destructive of full and free competition and a conspiracy against trade, and any person or persons who may engage in any such conspiracy, or who shall, as principal, manager, director or agent, or in any other capacity, knowingly carry out any of the stipulations, purposes, prices, rates or orders made in furtherance of such conspiracy, shall, on conviction, be punished by a fine of not less than one hundred dollars or more than five thousand dollars and by imprisonment in the penitentiary not less than one year nor more than ten years; or, in the judgment of the court, by either such fine or such imprisonment.

SEC. 4. Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the provisions of this act shall not apply to agricultural products or live-stock while in the possession of the producer or raiser.

SEC. 5. Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that any person or persons, or corporations that may be injured or damaged by any such arrangement, contract, agreement, trust or combination, described in section one of this act, may sue for and recover, in any court of competent jurisdiction in this state, of any person, persons or corporation operating such trust or combination, the full consideration or sum paid by him or them for any goods, wares, merchandise or articles, the sale of which is controlled by such combination or trust.

SEC. 6. Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that it shall be the duty of the judges of the superior courts of this state specially to instruct the grand juries as to the provisions of this act.

SEC. 7. Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that all laws and parts of laws in conflict with the provisions of this act be and the same are hereby repealed.

Gov. Stephens has accepted the invitation to deliver the address at the commencement exercises of Marvin Collegiate Institute in this city.—Fredericktown News.

Mr. McKinley Moves.

The appointment by President McKinley of three commissioners to an international monetary conference may mean much, or it may mean little, but on the surface it shows that the executive believes in the declaration of his party that the gold standard should be maintained only so long as we can decently get rid of it and substitute bimetalism, says the Atlanta Constitution. It shows, too, that the only difference between Mr. McKinley and Mr. Bryan on the money question is one of policy merely. Mr. Bryan and the democrats believe that the only road to international bimetalism is through independent action by the United States, while Mr. McKinley and the republicans believe (if their attitude is to be relied on) that it will be better to maintain the gold standard, bad as it is, until there is an international agreement.

In pursuance of this policy, Mr. McKinley has, having been authorized by congress to do so, appointed three commissioners to negotiate for international bimetalism.—Senator E. O. Wolcott, ex-Vice President Stevenson and Hon. C. J. Paine.

Now the democrats have every reason to view these proceedings with perfect equanimity. They mean that even Mr. McKinley and his party have been compelled to indorse the democratic contention that the gold standard is a bad thing, and that bimetalism is the only true solution of our difficulties.

Should the effort to bring about an international agreement succeed, that will be a settlement of the financial question. Should it prove to be a farce, the democratic position will be impregnable, for the party still maintains that the only possible way of securing international bimetalism is for the United States to take independent action and open their mints to the free coinage of silver.

Thus it happens that whether the proposed international conference accomplishes anything or nothing, the democratic party will be the gainer. For it has stood and still stands for bimetalism and opposed to the gold standard, for bimetalism, international or independent.

We shall not undertake at this time to discuss the outcome of the movement. But it is worth noting that if our commissioners are sent abroad with no instructions whatever—if they are to drum up a conference and then have no definite proposition to make—the conference will be a failure before it assembles.

If they have no authority to make or accept propositions—and they will have none, unless congress specially clothes them with it—McKinley may as well save the country the useless expense of a European junket for three.

On the other hand, the gold organs may well look on this movement as a renewal of "agitation."

Fredericktown News: The News learns of the serious loss, by fire, to Mr. H. (Squire) Shanley, living four miles east of this city. On the night of April 18 at about 12 o'clock Mr. Shanley's barn, containing 5 head of horses and mules, 1 or 1 grain drill, 125 bushels of 1 sulkey harrow, hay wagon and spring wagons of hay, was destroyed. Mr. Shanley's loss will be about \$1,000 and the property not insured. Young Mr. Shanley returned home about a few minutes after the fire covered. He said it took as if the fire had been three or four places and it was undoubtedly incendiary.

The man who are now so vociferous in asserting that the spring elections do not amount to anything, ed silver sentiment, are the men who were shaking a few weeks ago that democratic principle wouldn't mean a thing.